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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAWS

Commissioner Edward C. Plummer of the United States Shipping Board thinks clearly and talks straight. In a recent address he called attention to the fact that the law which created the Shipping Board recognized that the greater cost of operating American ships made it impossible for such ships to compete with foreign vessels unless Government aid sufficient to overcome this handicap was furnished. When the Shipping Board undertook to perform tasks for which it had been appointed it was found that the necessary aid which had been promised was not forthcoming. Mr. Plummer observed that the Board "was expected to make bricks without straws. Stated in mathematical form," he continued, "the Board was expected to make two and two equal five, and it hasn't been able to do that yet." Mr. Plummer added that "there appear to be some people who insist on ignoring the consequences of this arithmetical fact," and he has furnished an understandable review of the shipping situation that is comprehensible to "land-lubbers" as well as all others. He shows that unless the status quo of the American merchant ships are "headed straight for the scrap heap, where the bulk of them must and will land inside of five years if they remain exposed to the killing competition of foreign cheap labor." As an illustration of the handicap suffered by American ships he goes on to show that Norwegian ships are able to carry the sugar crops of Cuba to the United States at a profit, and that if the transportation charges of the Norwegian boats were met in competition by American ships it would mean a loss to the United States Government of between two and four millions of dollars. Mr. Plummer piles up further cumulative evidence showing that the Texas Oil Company is able to charter foreign vessels cheaper than it can run its own ships. The experience of Charles Schwab with the Bethlehem plants were also cited to show that the company could not handle its own freight as cheaply as it could hire foreign ships to carry it.

ENGLAND'S STRENGTH IN SHIPPING

A recent editorial from the Liverpool Journal of Commerce reviews some of the activities of American ship operators and warns us that "this new and formidable competition" will be met by methods that "will be both prompt and effective." Commissioner Edward C. Plummer shows that while the Shipping Board is having a struggle in "making bricks without straws" that the British Government twists tariffs, mails, and adjusts relations between the mother country and its colonies—in fact utilizes every trick of the trade to get shipping for its boats. Even under the Fordney tariff law which gave us exceptional shipping opportunities (that we misused), England increased its commerce to the United States \$200,000,000 last year. While England boasts that her coasting trade is open to the world, more than 90 per cent of it is carried in her own ships. More than 94 per cent of all the commerce between the mother country and her colonies is carried by English merchantmen. Commissioner Plummer says he has no criticism for the British policy. One might almost suspect that he would welcome similar backing on the part of the United States Government. Of the English he says "I admire their nerve, their business sense, their tenacity to these merchant ships which today are the commercial walls of old England; the props on which that mighty Empire rests." He adds: "If they can keep us putting around, trying to bridge ten-foot chasms with five-foot planks, until our ships have been put out of the running, we have no one to blame but ourselves." He believes our merchant ships today should "receive the same patriotic sympathy as did their predecessors in the days of Washington; that this mighty people today may show the same far-reaching independence as did their fathers; and our own commerce no more be left the prize and football of competition." There is no reference to ship subsidy in what Commissioner Plummer says. He believes that shipments of American goods belong to American ships; that we are very shortsighted in not establishing a practical monopoly of shipments to and from the Philippines and our other insular possessions. He evidently has no money methods, if his Government would apply them, as have the home Brits. One can only help thinking that if Mrs. M. Plummer had the proper backing by the Government that a way could be devised to make the American merchant marine pay by holding fast and tight to all of

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Merry Christmas to all our readers. Mr. H. W. Boyker was in Portland over the week end.

Mr. E. M. Walker started for St. Petersburg, Fla., Wednesday.

Prof. W. R. Chapman was in Portland the first of the week.

Mr. T. B. Burk shipped a carload of cattle to Auburn, Monday.

Miss Elberta E. Barnham is assisting in Miss L. M. Stearns' store.

Mr. Loren Gilman is spending some time with his family in town.

Miss Minnie Capen has employment at Bethel Inn for the winter.

Mrs. F. L. Edwards and daughter, Dorothy, were in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hutchins have been entertaining their niece, Mrs. Brooks.

Mr. Robert Snodgrass of Berlin, N. H., was a business visitor in town one day last week.

Mrs. Hattie Bennett has gone to Colbrook, N. H., to care for her mother, Mrs. Hanson.

Hon. H. H. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Williamson spent the week end with her son, Mr. Earl Williamson, and family.

Mr. W. H. Young of Woodfords was a guest of his son, Mr. Ralph Young, and family recently.

Miss Cleo Russell has closed her home and with Miss Ida Packard, is boarding at Maple Inn.

Mrs. Marshall Hastings and daughter, Ruth, will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Lovejoy left last Thursday for Falmouth, Me., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Mary Capen and daughter, Alice, were in Portland, Friday and Saturday, to visit Mr. Charles Capen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oikle are receiving congratulations over the birth of a daughter, born Monday, Dec. 16th.

Prof. Alton Richardson of Durham, N. H., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Richardson, a few days last week.

Mrs. Frank Burgess and son of Auburn are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Durkee and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore.

Mr. Freeborn Bean and two children, Virginia and Kenneth, were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Octavia Bean.

Miss Marion Frost, who is teaching at Keene Normal School, Keene, N. H., is ill with the grip. Her sister, Dorris, is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson of Auburn and Mrs. Annie Henry of Locke's Mills were Sunday guests of relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Addie Conner, who has been with Miss Cleo Russell, is visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. Chas. Valentine, at West Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe returned from Haverhill, Mass., last week, after spending two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Harris White, and family.

Friends of Mr. Amos Kendall will be sorry to learn that he is confined in the hospital at Strong, Me., after having submitted to an operation for appendicitis. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. R. Rooney, who has been here operator. Operator Gray will take Mr. Rooney's place here.

Mr. W. S. Wright returned home Tuesday from a two weeks trip at Portland, South Paris and Lewiston. Mr. Wright was chosen leader of the singing at the State Grange last week, also had charge of the music at South Paris Grange, Dec. 4. He reports a very interesting and profitable meeting at the State Grange last week.

CHAPMAN CONCERT

To be Given in Bethel, Friday Afternoon, January 11th, 1924.

Instead of the annual tour being given March it is to be given in January this year. A joint concert between Devora Nadworny, contralto from the San Carlo Opera Company, and Benno Rabnowitch, violinist, with W. R. Chapman at the piano. This has been no easy task to arrange dates to bring this famous contralto to Maine in January, and induce her to leave the Opera Company to make this tour, as she commands one of the largest salaries of those who have heard Miss Nadworny know what a magnificent voice she has. She sings a high B flat, down to a low F. Quite as remarkable in range as Oregin or Schumann-Helak. Those who heard her at the Festival last fall in Bangor, Portland and Lewiston, have not forgotten her wonderful work. She will find hosts of friends to welcome her back to Maine.

Benno Rabnowitch, Russian violinist, is a new find of Mr. Chapman's. He claims him quite as remarkable a violinist as Mr. Nyiregyhazi is pianist, and those who attended the Festival last fall will remember that Mr. Nyiregyhazi's playing brought the audience to their feet, and as such enthusiasm can ever be recalled for a pianist in the State. Mr. Chapman expects this violinist to do the same. Mr. Rabnowitch is a young man of eighteen years of age. When the Chicago Conservatory offered three years ago a free scholarship with the greatest of all teachers of the violin, Leopold Auer, (win by the way is the solo teacher of Misha Elman, Jascha Heifetz, and Toscha Seidel) this competition was not only open to America, but to Europe as well, as students came from all over the world to compete for this scholarship. This wonderful young man won the same from two hundred who played for it. He is acknowledged by the great master quite equal at his age to the above mentioned great artists. Mr. Chapman says that he has listened to no such violin playing except from Seidel and Heifetz. Such bowing, speed, rhythm, and flawless technique and musicianship, make him an artist of extraordinary ability. He has been giving his own recitals in the West where he has met with tremendous success.

Mr. Chapman is arranging a most interesting programme of music which has never been heard on these shores, and this will be announced later. The tickets will be at popular prices, notwithstanding these two sensational artists who ordinarily give their recitals alone.

Rev. C. B. Oliver was in Norway, Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Davis, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. W. A. Bragg was in Berlin, N. H., an business, Wednesday.

Mrs. Peete is assisting in the store of E. P. Lyon during the holidays.

Mrs. F. L. Ordway and Mrs. Harry Head of West Bethel were in town, Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Bithage, who has employment in Norway, was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Ray Crickett.

Yves H. H. Hastings and family have moved to their home in the village which was formerly the home of Mrs. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore spent Sunday at Norway as the guests of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson.

Mrs. W. H. Kimball, Mrs. George Kimball and Mr. Harold Haggard of Stratford Hollow, N. H., were Sunday guests of relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark closed their home Saturday and went to Lynn, Mass., where they visited relatives for a few days, leaving Boston, Tuesday, for Vero, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Cummings was held at the Universalist Church, Friday afternoon. Mrs. Cummings was a former resident of Auburn. Her son, Louis Cummings, accompanied the remains here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Goring left for Cleveland, O., Friday, where they will spend a few days with their son, Dr. George B. Goring, and family before going to Santa Barbara, Calif., where they will spend the winter.

NORWAY MAN AND SON DROWNED NEAR AUBURN

Guy A. Buck and his five year old son, Sherwood, were drowned in Taylor Brook, Auburn, early Sunday evening.

Mr. Buck, his wife and son had been visiting at the home of Benjamin R. Howard in Auburn and had started for their home in their Chevrolet car. There was a dangerous curve near Taylor Brook and Crystal Springs known as "Dead Man's Curve." According to witnesses Mr. Buck was rounding this curve at a moderate rate of speed, but a light snow had made travelling hazardous, and when the car went onto the bridge it skidded on the slippery planks, went through the railing into the water, turning turtle on the way. Mrs. Buck and son were thrown from the car, but Mr. Buck and son were pinned beneath it and they were drowned before help could extricate them.

Mrs. Buck was found in a bruised and dazed condition and was hurried to a hospital where it is reported that she will recover. The bodies of Mr. Buck and the child were taken to an Auburn undertaker.

MRS. MARY MORRILL

Mrs. Mary Morrill passed away at her home Friday morning after a short illness of pneumonia. She was almost 89 years of age. She was the daughter of Elijah and Lydia Wheeler. Nov. 21, 1831, she was united in marriage to Daniel Morrill. Mr. Morrill passed away eight years ago. Eight children were born to this union, all of whom are living: Mrs. Helen Tyler, G. D. Morrill, Mrs. Clara Abbott and Miss Mildred Morrill of West Bethel; Arthur Morrill and Mrs. Alice Watson of Norway; Ernest Morrill of Mason, and Mrs. Lillian Horn of Mexico, Me. There are 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She has one sister, Mrs. Anna Grover, of Bethel, and one brother, Lewis Wheeler, of Vermont. Relatives from out of town to attend the funeral Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Morrill and son of Gray, Frank Morrill, Wallace Morrill of New Gloucester, Me.; Dion Brown, Mrs. C. J. Bell and daughter, Madelyn of South Paris, Mrs. Harlan Bean of Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyler of Gorham, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morrill and Mrs. Alice Watson of Norway, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horn of Mexico.

BETHEL GRANGE FAIR

Bethel Grange fair was held Friday afternoon with a splendid display of useful articles, fancy work, vegetables, etc. The hall was prettily decorated with red and green crepe paper and the tables and booths were in the same color with a generous mixture of evergreens.

The ice cream table was in charge of Mrs. Clifford Morrill.

A. P. Copeland had charge of the vegetable tables, and had a splendid display of fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Hutchinson had charge of a family of dolls which were pretty enough to gladden the heart of any young miss.

Mrs. Robertson presided over the sawdust pile and found many willing customers to "pull the string."

Mrs. William Lane and Mr. H. B. Jolley disposed homemade candies which were of a very fine quality.

Mrs. A. F. Copeland sold aprons and her line was pretty and found anxious buyers.

Mrs. Logan was in charge of the miscellaneous table.

The ladies of the Grange Circle did some hard work in making preparations for this sale. Quite a good sum of money was realized.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. W. I. Beckler was at J. A. Kimball's, Monday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Wardwell and Arthur called at Fred Seibner's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill have moved to East Sumner for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen are moving into Allen Palace's house for the winter.

Brent Westworth is cutting wood for C. M. Faller.

John Adams called on Ray Wardwell, Sunday.

David Medfetter is peeling fish andysters again this winter.

"Spooks" at North Waterford, Saturday night, Dec. 22.

Brent Graver is working for Walter Connell.

The teacher and pupils are getting ready for a Christmas tree at the Dresser school.

Mr. Lauris Tyler is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tyler.

COBURN—WHEELER

A very quiet wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coburn, Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, when their son, Leslie Coburn, was united in marriage with Grace Fuller Wheeler. The double ring service was used, Rev. C. B. Oliver performing the ceremony.

Mr. Coburn is a World War veteran having served in the 26th Division for two years, eighteen months of which he spent overseas. He enlisted as a member of Company B, 103rd Infantry. He is now 2nd Lieut. in the local organization, 1st Battalion, Headquarters Co. He has always resided in Bethel, and is well known in the town.

Mrs. Coburn is the daughter of Mr. Albert Fuller of Upton. She has been employed in the home of Mr. F. J. Tyler for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Coburn will reside in a rent in Mrs. Grace Swan's house.

Their many friends wish them much happiness.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter W. Wolfe, Minister
Church Calendar, Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24:
10:45 A. M.: Devotional service. Special music. Sermon topic, The "True of God."
12:00 Noon: Sunday School.
7:15 P. M.: Evening Christmas service. Special music, recitations and readings, by the children of the Sunday School, assisted by the members of the Y. P. C. U. Several tableaux, portraying the traditional incidents in the nativity of Jesus, will be given by the children. Children's sermon topic, "The Other Wise Man."
Monday evening, Dec. 24: 6:15: Annual Christmas Eve supper for the friends and members of the Parish. Bring the children. The Christmas tree exercises will be held after the supper.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Minister
Sunday, Dec. 23:
10:45 A. M.: Christmas service of worship. Subject of sermon, "The Supreme Mind and Its Joy." Christmas music will be rendered.
12:00: Church School.
7:00: Christmas concert by members of the Church School. This will be followed by a pageant entitled "Bethlehem"—a children's pageant of Christmas. A "White Gifts for The King" offering will be received. This offering will be devoted to the help of the churches stricken by the Japan earthquake.

Friday, Dec. 21, 7:00 P. M.: Church rehearsal.

Sunday, Dec. 23:
6:00: The annual Christmas supper, to be followed by exercises by the younger members of the Church School and the Christmas tree.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Oliver, Minister
Sunday worship (morning 10:45). Special music. Sermon by the pastor.
Sunday School at 12.
Epworth League at 6:45.
Evening worship at 7:30. Special Christmas message.
Monday evening: "The night before Christmas." Christmas tree and concert.
Thursday (this week) at Mrs. Emma Robertson's:
1. Ladies' Aid at 2:30.
2. Union of W. H. and W. F. Societies.

Program by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

World Service Books.

One dozen "World Service" books have been ordered. If more are wanted order immediately. These books are being called for faster than they can be printed. One set of type has been set out. It is probable that 50,000 copies will be printed. Printers are now on the fourth edition.

LOCKER'S MILLS CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Oliver, Minister
Morning worship at 9. Sermon by the pastor.
The Church School at 10.
The Christmas concert takes on Friday evening of this week.
Mid-week worship Wednesday evenings at 7:15.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Spring Street
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Sunday services at 10:45 A. M.
TO OUR READERS:
If you desire any extra copies of the Citizen, please let us know about it not later than Wednesday morning as we do not print more than we need for regular subscribers.

GOULD'S WINS DOUBLE HEADER

The boys and girls basketball teams of Gould's Academy won their games from the Groveton High School teams last Friday evening at the William Bingham Gymnasium. Taking the lead at the start the boys were never headed, winning by a score of 20 to 22. The stars of the game were M. Berry and Gould for Gould's while Flak of Groveton played well. The girls game was closely contested, the winner being in doubt until the final whistle found Gould's in the lead by the score of 25 to 24. The summary of the boys game:

GROVETON	G	FG	PTS
Fisk, H.	0	0	13
Barton, C.	3	0	6
Warren, G.	1	1	3
Ash, G.	0	1	1
Gray, G.	0	0	0
Brann, G.	0	0	0
Totals	16	2	23

GOULD'S	G	FG	PTS
W. Berry, H.	3	0	6
Thurston, H.	0	0	0
Goddard, H.	0	2	14
M. Berry, C.	10	1	21
Mundt, C.	1	0	2
Keeniston, H.	2	0	4
Sweeney, G.	1	0	2
C. Swan, G.	0	0	0
Totals	23	3	40

Referee, Robertson. Timekeeper, Macdonald. Time of periods, two twentys.

GIRLS GAME

GOULD'S	G	FG	PTS
Hansen, H.	2	1	5
Keddy, H. (Capt.)	5	0	10
Sanborn, H.	3	0	10
York, G.	0	0	0
Beard, G.	0	0	0
Sawyer, G.	0	0	0
Curtis, H. sub.	0	0	0
Morgan, G. sub.	0	0	0
Totals	13	1	25

GROVETON	G	FG	PTS
Daugherty, H.	7	0	14
Ross, H.	3	0	6
Bretton, H.	2	0	4
Tibbitts, H.	0	0	0
Kimball, G.	0	0	0
Maclean, G.	0	0	0
Totals	12	0	24

Referee, Morris. Umpire, Silvada. Timekeeper, Macdonald. Time: 23 and 27-minute periods.

BETHEL SCOUT NEWS

The Bethel Scouts met, fifteen minutes before the time set, on Monday evening and enjoyed a program of games prepared by the Scoutmaster. The game most enjoyed was called "Sandwiches." After the "pecking" process mentioned the appetites of the patrol became keen. A dishpan of popcorn served to partially fill unquenched cavities. A special hike will be planned by Patrol Leader Kenneth Stanley. A notice will appear in the Post Office this week or early next week. The next regular meeting will be on the first Monday evening of January.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The program committee for the January Parent Teachers' meeting is as follows:
Miss Carrie Wight, Chairman.
Mrs. Agnes Twaddle.
Mrs. Eugene Vandekerckhove, the Secretary.

GRANGE NEWS

LOVE MT. GRANGE

Love Mt. Grange held its annual election of officers in the hall Saturday with the following officers elected:
M. John L. Bailey.
O. W. W. Perkins.
L. Miss Sadie Bailey.
Sec.—Mrs. R. L. Thurston.
Treas.—Mrs. W. N. Akers.
Chap.—Mrs. C. A. Andrew.
Cores.—Mrs. John Bailey.
Flora—Mrs. Charles Morgan.
Pomona—Mrs. Rebecca Greenman.
Howard—H. M. Bailey.
Aunt, Steward—Curtis Morien.
L. A. Steward—Mrs. Rita Perkins.
Gate Keeper—Frank Gordon.

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 9, 1924, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transacting of any business that may legally come before said meeting.
HARRY G. PARK, Cashier.
Bethel, Maine, December 4, 1923.

Beware of CONSTIPATION

Persons in accumulated waste matter
constipate the system through the
bowels with serious results.
Avoid such trouble. Keep dis-
tension strong, liver active, bowels reg-
ular with "L. F." Atwood's Medicine
—the successful home remedy for 71
years. Large bottles 50 cents—small
25 cents. All druggists.

Take L. F.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Upton, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Upton aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of May, 1923, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Am't. Tax Charges
Frank Bush, Harry Amey.	Interest in Stone Brook, one half Undivided Lot 2, Range 3, known as the Coffin Farm.	\$1.49 \$3.00 \$1.10 \$2.00

E. ABBOTT,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Upton.

December 17, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 9th day of June, 1923, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Am't. Tax Charges
Wm. P. M. Brown & Son, Inc.	Harbor Farm, Head of Tide, Lot 7, Range 10, 150 Acres, Land and Build- ings.	\$13.75 \$2.00 \$4.50 \$2.00
Walter H. Bond,	Wild Land, Northeast of Farm, 520 Acres, Hemlock bought of Fred Taylor, 120 Acres, Land and Buildings.	\$11.40 \$2.00 \$4.60 \$2.00
Heirs of Francis Wilbur,	One half of Bear Head Lot, Lot 2, Range 5, 50 Acres.	\$1.50 \$2.00
	Hemlock, 160 Acres, Land and Build- ings.	\$1.50 \$2.00
	Wild Land, Lot 1, Range 14, 50 Acres, Wild Land, Lot 2, Range 14, 100 Acres, Wild Land, Lot 3, Range 14, 100 Acres, Wild Land, Lot 4, Range 14, 50 Acres.	\$3.75 \$2.00

HUBAN H. WIGHT,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

December 17, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Gilsum, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Gilsum aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 9th day of June, 1923, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Am't. Tax Charges
J. V. Burnham,	Farm in the town of Gilsum, land bounded on the north by Town line, on east by land of W. C. Chapman and W. R. Chap- man, on south by Androscoggin River, on west by land of A. J. Blake and W. R. Chapman, except 90 acres of the fore- going land sold to and owned by W. H. Chapman, 50 of acres 350, in Range 11 and 12.	\$22.49 \$3.99

P. L. ONDWAY,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Gilsum.

December 17, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Massena, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Massena aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of May, 1923, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Am't. Tax Charges
William H. Hodge,	Station Farm and Building, Land, Lot 2, Range 2, 20 Acres.	\$10.43 \$2.00
William H. Hodge & Family,	Lot 2, Range 2, 20 Acres.	\$2.50 \$2.00

P. B. HAN,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Massena.

December 19, 1923.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.**STATE OF MAINE.**

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1923.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1923, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1923, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1924, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Am't. Tax Charges
Henry S. Foss,	Land at West Bethel.	\$2.00 \$2.00
A. M. Foss,	20 Acres Land.	\$2.00 \$2.00

F. R. HALL,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

December 19, 1923.



Newspaper Association Member No. 6428

An association of railroads maintain in the Capital City of the Nation what is known as the Bureau of Railway Economics, paying each their proportionate share towards its maintenance.

Its activities include the gathering of a large and valuable library, bearing upon all phases of railroad transportation, and the issuing of bulletins and statistical summaries, designed to prevent a national picture of railroads, their operation, and costs.

The railroads contributing to the support of this institution, through it enabled to understand what all railroads are doing, and get a complete vision of national railroad operation, find it a most valuable adjunct to their business.

Such an organization is needed in that other growing and vitally important transportation field, the highway world. For highways are rapidly becoming much more than mere connecting links between farm and town, city and country, over which the farmer drives his grain and pigs, and hauls his household supplies. With the increasing use of the automobile as a passenger carrier and the truck as a means of freight transportation, the highway is coming to take its place in the Nation, not as a secondary system, but as a primary or arterial transport system, which will, in a few short years, rival the railroads in tonnage, if not in speed.

A Bureau of Highway Traffic Economics will enable all road makers, road planners, and road organizations to function more perfectly, make more progress, save more money, and use roads more efficiently.

"But who will do it?" The Nation must do it. Its need is but one more argument for the establishment of a policy of national highway building, and national road using, by which the National Government will not only build, pay for, and forever maintain a system of national roads, but will, through some organization laid down along similar lines to the Bureau of Railway Economics, make it possible for all highway users to employ these roads with the greatest economy and efficiency.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT

1923 Federal Budget Allowed Two and One-Fourth Cents From Every Dollar A few years ago the expenditures of the United States on roads was nothing. The Federal Budget for the fiscal year of 1923 allows 2 1/4 cents out of every dollar for Federal aid roads.

This sum, of course, is not enough to build the roads the country must have, even when matched by an equal sum from the States. But all great movements have to be initiated slowly; it took many years to work up public sentiment to the point where this country was willing to build the Panama Canal. That we have gone as far as we have in the matter of road building with Government aid is a matter of congratulation, rather than regret that we have not yet gone further.

The total 1923 budget for the Nation is \$13.2 billion, with \$1.2 billion allocated for the United States appropriation towards Federal aid in road building. Ten years ago such an expenditure would have been impossible. Ten years hence it will be looked upon as trifling. When, as most intend

ably be the case, the United States switches its road policy from the present idea of helping the States, to the broader idea of building its own national road system, allowing the States to build the feeder and connecting roads, such an expenditure will be far from sufficient.

To those to whom the idea of greater Federal expenditure means greater taxes, it is pointed out that invariably the good road more than pays for itself, and that the increased profits, the decreased costs of hauling, and the increased land values, which inevitably follow the establishment of a system of national highways, will not only pay the entire cost of the roads, but a handsome profit besides.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE LICENSE FEES?

Motor Car Registration Pays For Good Roads

Forty-eight States collected \$152,367,000 in 1922 as receipts from automobile license fees. The cost of collection, the cost of the plates themselves, and other expenses was less than four million dollars, so that a total of \$148,750,000 was left as the net receipts to be spent on highways.

This sum is divided into appropriations for State highway departments, 16 millions; Federal aid funds, \$4 millions; maintenance of Federal aid roads, \$2 millions; construction of other than Federal aid roads, 6 1/2 millions; maintenance of other than Federal aid roads, 21 1/2 millions; and given as aid to counties, 25 1/2 millions.

New Hampshire collects the largest revenue per individual car or truck, getting an average of \$25.75 each, while Arizona is easiest upon car owners from the license standpoint obtaining but \$2.00 each.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mrs. Guy Powers of South Paris has been visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buck motored to South Bethel one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cole and two children were callers at Axel Bryant's Saturday.

Harry Chase was at home from Rumford last week.

Mrs. Ray Frost and daughter, Rita and friends from South Paris called on Mrs. Willis Walker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bates of West Paris visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Bates and daughter visited Mrs. Bates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight, Sunday.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I'd like to be a smoke-stack
Away up off the
ground,
And stand so straight
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And wave
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around.

You can avoid many subscription troubles by ordering with Carl Brown, agent for all magazines and newspapers, Bethel, Maine.



Holeproof Hosiery
Elegant in Appearance
Famous for Long Wear
Allen's Shoe Store, Bethel, Maine

NOTICE BETHEL SAVINGS BANK

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Bethel Savings Bank, December 1st, it was voted that deposits made during any one month, and remaining in the bank until the next regular dividend, shall begin to draw interest from the first day of the month following the deposit.

The Trustees are pleased to say that since the incorporation of the bank, more than fifty years ago, no depositor, wishing to withdraw a deposit, has had to wait for the money.

Deposits made this month will go on interest Jan. 1st, 1924.

Dec. 3, 1923.

A. E. HERRICK, Treas.

Attention "LUMBERMEN"

We have a large stock of LEATHER TOP RUBBERS in 10 and 12 inch top that sold from \$5.50 to \$7.25 and we are to sell these for \$4.95 per pair.

These rubbers are first quality and made by the Hood Rubber Co.

Prompt attention given to mail orders.

Our terms are cash--We sell for less.

E. N. SWETT SHOE CO.

NORWAY, ME. Phone 35-2

..Cold Weather Hints..

Better have that radiator filled with Denatured Alcohol in the right proportion so that it will not freeze. Alcohol is cheaper than radiators.

Winter Storage

We will come and get your battery and keep it for you through the winter. Batteries repaired and charged.

RADIATOR COVERS, AIR BREAKS, HEATERS

Insure comfortable riding during the cold weather.

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Gift Suggestions

LEATHER GOODS
Bags, Purses in a large variety of styles and prices.

STATIONERY AND CORRESPONDENCE CARDS
White and tinted, from 10c up

APRONS
Plain and Novelties

SHIRT WAISTS
We have a splendid variety in many styles. All new, and well made.

HOSIERY
We have what you are looking for. Silk and Wool, in Black and Mixtures.

HANDKERCHIEFS
All grades and prices from 5c up

NECKWEAR
All the new ideas.

STAMPED GOODS
Towels, Pillow Tops, Runners, Etc., Etc.

UNDERMUSLINS
Night Robes and Combinations, both machine and handmade.

GLOVES AND MITTENS
"Ireland" kid and fabric gloves.

NECKLACES, PINS, BRACELETS, LINGERIE CLASPS, ETC.

INFANTS JACKETS, BONNETS, BOOTEES, and HOODS

CALENDARS, BOOKS, CHRISTMAS CARDS and BOOKLETS

We Have All These Goods and Many More.

L. M. STEARNS
BETHEL, MAINE

RADIO PROGRAMS
Westinghouse Radio Station WBZ
Springfield, Mass
337 Meters--800 Kilocycles

THURSDAY
A. M.
11:55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports
P. M.
7:30 Santa Claus' talks for the Kiddies
Farmers' Period--Letter from the New England Homestead
8:00 Concert to be announced by radio
9:00 Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9:55 Arlington Time Signals (Eastern Standard Time)

FRIDAY
A. M.
11:55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports
P. M.
6:00 Dinner concert by the WBZ Quintette
"Die Schone Galathea Overture"
"Le Retour"
"Valse Lente"
"Coppelia"
"Memories of Vienna"
"The Masquerade"
(a) Carnival March
(b) Harlequin and Columbian
(c) Antics of the Clowns
(d) Mandolin Serenaders

For Grand Parade
7:00 "3200 Reward," a dramatized story prepared by the Youth's Companion
7:30 Santa Claus' talks for the Kiddies
Current Book Review by R. A. MacDonald of the Court Square Book Store
Farmers' Period--"Do New England Farmers Want Reduced Freight Rates?" by R. LaC. Stevens, Traffic Manager of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange
11:00 Program of Chamber Music by the WBZ Quintette; and Romeo N. Monat, baritone; J. A. Des Lauriers, violinist; Leona Monat, pianist and accompanist
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WBZ Quintette
Piano solo, "Dance of the Winds"
Pentody
Miss Monat
Violin solo, "Adoration"
Dr. Des Lauriers
Baritone solo, "Serenade"
Mr. Monat
"Everette"
Jensen
WBZ Quintette
Piano solo, "Les Hirondelles"
Godard
Miss Monat
Violin solo, "Mazurka"
Raybold
Dr. Des Lauriers
Selection, "Cavalleria Rusticana"
Masengal
WBZ Quintette
Piano solo, "Valse D'amour"

AT CHRISTMAS TIME
Addie Kendall Mason
When the Christmas days are waning
In a land beyond the seas;
When the twelfth night candles glisten,
Then they burn the Christmas trees.
And the children gather round them,
By the fireplace, huge and deep;
Listening to the Yule-tide stories,
As the shadows dance and leap.
While above them gleams the holly,
Beaded with wreaths of mistletoe;
Hung for happy kids and lassies
In the Christmas fire's glow.
'Tis a custom long remembered,
And observed each Christmas time,
Thus to burn the withered branches
At the twelfth night's peaceful chime.
And so far no one has ever
Tried to stop this happy play
Of the children and the old folks,
In that land so far away.
Now, I hope that people never--
In their quest of gain and gold,
Will forget this pretty pastime,
Brought down from days of old.
And here in our own New England,
Full of "clubs" and old "blue laws,"
Make the children "men" and "women,"
But do leave us Santa Claus.

Baritone solo, selected
Mr. Monat
Violin solo, "Nordische Sage"
Dr. Des Lauriers
"Scarf Dance"
WBZ Quintette
(Eastern Standard Time)

SATURDAY
A. M.
11:55 Arlington Time Signals; Weather Reports; Boston and Springfield Market Reports
P. M.
7:00 Dinner concert by the Hotel Kimball Trio direct from the Hotel Kimball dining room; Jan Geerts, violinist and director; Angela, Godard Loneragan, cellist; Paul Lawrence, pianist.
7:30 Santa Claus' talks for the Kiddies
"Bringing the World to America," prepared by "Our World Magazine"
8:00 Concert by Master Stanley Fletcher, pianist; Mrs. Annie Fletcher, soprano
Piano solo, "Nachtliche Phantasie" (first movement)
Stanley Fletcher
Soprano solo, "The Lass with the Helicene Air"
Arno
Mrs. Fletcher
Piano solo, "Martha"
Stanley Fletcher
Soprano group
(a) "The First Violet"
Mendelssohn
(b) "A Birthday"
Cowen
Mrs. Fletcher
Piano solo
(a) "Nocturne D. Nat Major"
Chopin
(b) "Waltz in E Minor"
Stanley Fletcher
Soprano solo, "The Smile of Spring"
Perry Fletcher
Piano solo, "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2"
List
Stanley Fletcher
9:00 Bedtime story for grown-ups by Orison S. Marden
9:55 Arlington Time Signals (Eastern Standard Time)

The Spirit of Christmas is most thoughtfully expressed when you SAY IT WITH USEFUL GIFTS

Gifts for Men
Shoes, Slippers, Hosiery, Shirts, Underwear, Gloves, Scarfs, Caps, Neckties, Home Knit Golf Hose, Mackinaws, Sheep-skin Lined Coats

Gifts for Women
Silk Hosiery, Gloves, Gaiters, Shoes, Slippers, Sport Hose, Moccasins, Sport Coats, Traveling Bags

Gifts for Children
Mittens, Hosiery, Caps, Mackinaws, Shoes, Slippers

SHOP EARLY--Only 3 Shopping Days to Christmas

Allen's Shoe Store

Bethel, Maine

PIGEON and HOLEPROOF HOSIERY

CANTON

A pleasant time was enjoyed Wednesday evening at the schoolhouse when the girls basketball team entertained the track team of Canton High. There were 93 present, including the teachers and Supt. Chase and wife. Games were enjoyed, also Victrola music and singing. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, hot cocoa and candy were served. The toast mistress was Miss Dora Bonney, who had what she found on emptying the school room waste basket, the jokes making much merriment. Miss Bonney called on the following for toasts, all of whom responded: Frank Bicknell, Helen Sampson, Agnes Haines, Phila dare Daigle, Junior Johnson, Doris Fletcher, Louise Jacobs, Valerie McAllister, Principal Walts and Supt. Chase. The honored guest of the evening was the ghost of the track team opponents with whom all shook hands. The affair was pronounced by all to be one of the best and the boys were pleased with their reception.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis of No. Hartford are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mr. Davis has been returned from Boston where he has been employed.
Mrs. Blanche Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson and Mrs. J. T. Lindley have been spending a few days in the "twin cities."
Mrs. C. R. Swett has been called to Haverworth, N. H., by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Phoebe Swett.
Miss Minna Dymond is at home from Auburn on a visit.
Robert Russell of Orono is spending a two weeks vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Walts, and other relatives in town.
Mrs. M. B. Packard has gone to Portland, where she will be employed for a time.
Clifford Sampson, who has been employed in Bethel, Maine, is stopping at the home of E. H. Adkins until after Christmas.
Barthelme Romane visited his daughter, Kathleen Romane, at the P. M. G. Hospital, Saturday. They plan to perform the second operation upon her eye, which she injured.
The annual roll call was held at the meeting of Foxemah Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening with a good number present.
The Ladies' Aid held a supper and sale at the terrace Hall, Friday, which was successful. The apron table was in charge of Mrs. Francis Chamberlain and Mrs. D. L. Chamberlain, the fancy work table in charge of Mrs. Frank M. Oliver and the candy table was presided over by Mrs. Jennie Tilley. The supper committee was Mrs. Florence Fletcher, Mrs. John Tink, Mrs. Minnie Oliver and Mrs. Clara Mendall.
Miss Ethel Andrews, a student at the U. of M., is spending a two weeks vacation in town.
John Briggs and C. E. Mendall attended the State Grange at Lewiston last week.
A successful entertainment and picnic social was held Thursday evening by the grade schools at the schoolhouse, a large crowd being in attendance. The

proceeds will go toward the children's hot lunches.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Lane and son of Auburn spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson.
The schools closed Friday for a two weeks vacation. Christmas trees were enjoyed in all the rooms, and the trees were filled with gifts for all, including new presents for all the teachers. In the High School room a social time was enjoyed and fruit was served by the Principal, M. C. Walts. Mr. and Mrs. Walts left Saturday for their former home in Warren to spend the holidays.
At the meeting of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., Tuesday evening, the degrees were conferred on one candidate and a fine supper served.
A social was held at the schoolhouse, Friday evening.
Mrs. G. H. Johnson has been visiting for several days with her daughter, Miss Ruth Johnson, of Portland.
A roll call will be held at the next meeting of Canton Grange, Dec. 22. Rev. and Mrs. Lamb have returned home.
A trial debate was held at the High School room Wednesday and the following chosen: Junior Johnson, Dora Bonney and home and gone to Auburn.

Bonney, Helen Sampson, Frank Bicknell, Howard Child and Stanley Fisher. The subject was, "The League of Nations."
Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Draper welcomed a little daughter, Saturday.
Mrs. Flora Hodgson visited her daughter at the hospital, Monday.
Roberta Trask was able to leave the hospital, Friday.
Christmas trade is good in Canton and the stores are attractive in their holiday attire.

LOOKE'S MILLS

Mrs. Lester Tebbets and daughter were in Auburn, Thursday.
Washington Heath and Lester Vagstad of North Buckfield were guests of W. H. Crockett's, Sunday.
Eden Rand arrived home Sunday from Yale College for the Christmas holidays.
Gwendolyn Bartlett and Daisy Martin were in Lewiston, Saturday.
Mrs. W. H. Crockett was in Norway, Monday.
Mrs. Annie Emery has cleared her home and gone to Auburn.

L. F. PIKE CO.

Men's Clothing Stores

A Gift That Is Useful-- Nothing Could Please a Man More

Men don't want presents they can just look at; they're more pleased with gifts that are useful; what more appropriate than something to wear.

When you come to Norway and South Paris to do your Christmas shopping we want you to be sure and visit our two stores for the gifts you are to give the man or boy.

You will find our assortments larger than many of the city stores show you because our two stores operated as one carry stocks larger than many city clothing stores.

**At Christmas Time We Have A Special Hobby for
Bath Robes, Shirts, Neckwear, Hosiery**
so you are sure of finding just what you want.

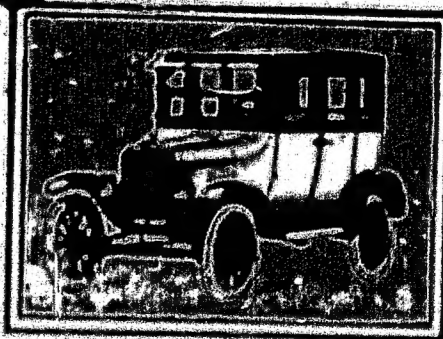
Our Suits, Overcoats, Underwear are some of the large gifts that are appreciated.

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Fordor Sedan
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IT IS not at all surprising that the new Fordor Sedan is proving extremely popular as a Christmas gift. For this handsome closed type body is truly exceptional. You can buy this car through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

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MIDDLE INTERVAL ROAD Little son, and his brother, Almon, were Charles Copen's mother and sister, at their grandfather's, Sunday. Mrs. J. P. Coolidge spent Friday with Mr. T. B. Bask was in this vicinity Mr. Wilbur Coolidge and wife and Friday buying stock.

Miss Ethel Copen stayed at her Aunt Fannie's at Middle Intervale, one night last week. Miss Rebecca Carter stayed with Ethel grandmother, Friday and Saturday. el Copen during the absence of her

MASON Those from town to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Mary Morrill at West Bethel, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morrill, Guy Morrill, Will Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill, Mr. and

Mrs. Eli Grover, Edmund Smith and Wilbert Davis. Delmont Harding spent the week end with relatives on Grover Hill. Mrs. Frank Williamson, who is cooking at Bert Brown's camp, spent the

week end with relatives in Bethel. Mrs. Bertha Harding visited her sister, Mrs. Merle Swan, at Bethel recently. Read the ads in the Citizen.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS

We have to show you in all departments a large and varied assortment of desirable gifts. The time of every holiday shopper will indeed be well spent in looking through our bright, fresh selection of up-to-date gifts. Timely hints and valuable suggestions will be made to you by the goods themselves; the fitness and reliability of many articles will recommend them as most appropriate and satisfactory for those you wish to remember. We acknowledge a more than common pride in our Holiday display this season, caused by the excellence of the goods represented and the variety and range afforded for perfect satisfaction in the selection of anything from an inexpensive little remembrance to a solid and substantial Gift.

SILK PETTICOATS

Women are always pleased to find a silk petticoat among the goods and here are qualities and styles that are certain to prove welcome.

SILK PETTICOATS of Jersey and Satin in plain and changeable colors, with very attractive flounces.

Silk Petticoats \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95

WE SUGGEST GLOVE GIFTS

No one ever was known to receive too many gloves, and they do make such delightful gifts that you can select for anyone on your list without cause for regret.

BRUSHED WOOL GLOVES, gauntlet styles of ladies, misses and children, in a great variety of coloring.

LADIES' SUED GLOVES in several colors, a glove that is dressy and comfortable on a cold day, strap wrist with cuff.

LADIES' FUR LINED GLOVES are a woman's delight. They have sold so well this season that we have just received a large re-order.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

How much more a gift is appreciated if it is made by yourself. Glance over this list, it will aid you in selecting material that will make very useful gifts.

BATH ROBE BLANKETS, thick and soft, but light in weight, beautiful patterns for ladies and men.

PERCALES FOR APRONS, a large number of new patterns just received in light, medium and dark colors.

WOOL AND SATIN SLIPPER SOLES, you can easily crochet or knit the tops.

RIBBON, you can make many very dainty articles, all widths and colors.

KNITTING YARNS, any articles made from Fleisher's yarns will be very useful such as mittens, hose, scarfs, sweaters, very desirable gifts.

DAINTY UNDERWEAR

A shimmering piece of silk underwear or the snowy whiteness of lace trimmed or embroidered lingerie has a direct appeal to every woman. So extensive are our assortments and so reasonably priced that no matter how much or how little you wish to spend you can find merchandise of quality here at a moderate price.

Silk Envelopes \$4.95, \$5.95

Silk Gowns \$9.95 and \$12.50

Silk Camisoles \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.50

Silk Bloomers and Knickers \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Skirts \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.95

Envelope Chemise \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.95

Gowns 95c, \$1.00, \$1.95, \$2.50

A DRESS OR WAIST PATTERN MAKE FINE PRESENTS

Most women would be delighted to receive a dress or waist pattern of silk. We'll tell you how many yards it takes and help you make selections of suitable qualities. Many new styles to select from.

LEATHER PURSES AND BAGS

It matters not what style, quality or price you have in mind, you are sure to find all three here in our large assortment. Hand Bags, in the new shapes, many with fittings. Purses in large numbers. Leather Goods for men, such as bill folds, card cases and pocket books.

LADIES' HAND BAGS in many shapes in new leathers, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$6.95.

LEATHER GOODS FOR MEN, Card and Bill Folds, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00; Purses in several shapes, 50c.

LADIES' BATH ROBES

It is a practical gift to be sure and one which every woman will greatly enjoy. Our stocks of Holiday Robes include the very latest styles and fabrics in most desirable patterns and colorings. Just arrived, 50 new ones made of Beacon cloth and Corduroy.

Prices are \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.50, \$9.95

SHIRT WAISTS AS GIFTS

Put up in a nice holly box and with your card wishing Xmas Greeting. One of these charming waists would delight any woman who received it.

Silk Waists \$5.95, \$6.95, \$7.50

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A SILK UMBRELLA

No gift could be surer of a welcome on Christmas morning, and certainly nothing you selected could be more useful. We have just received many that are of good quality of silk with very attractive handles.

Silk Umbrellas \$5.00, \$7.50

Other Good Umbrellas \$2.95, \$3.50, \$3.95

VERY USEFUL GIFTS

SWEATERS—And here is a wide variety of style and colors in knitted silk, worsted and brush wool.

APRONS—You will find many of the dainty white aprons with lace and embroidery trimmed, from 50c to \$1.00.

BOUDOIR CAPS—Many styles and colors, beautifully trimmed with laces, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

LADIES' WOOL SCARFS—Any woman will consider that you use good judgment in selecting one of these new styles at \$2.75, \$2.95.

HANDKERCHIEFS

You can not possibly go wrong in giving handkerchiefs for gifts. They are universally acceptable because no person ever has too many. Great care has been spent in selecting and assembling our Christmas assortment and proud as we are of the variety offered, we are just as pleased with the values and we know you will be.

Men's Handkerchiefs 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c

Ladies' Handkerchiefs 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c

Children's Handkerchiefs 5c, 10c, 15c

A large assortment of boxed Handkerchiefs, some with two, three and four in fancy boxes, priced 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.

JOYS IN TOYTOWN

Come, bring the children and see this wonderful display of playthings—Toys of all sorts for the kiddies—Toys with real educational value and others whose sole purpose it is to amuse. The youngsters will be delighted and so will you, come and bring them.

A NEW WINTER COAT

Many are the minds that are wishing at this time, and thinking too that someone is to illuminate their hopes with a nice, new Winter Coat for Christmas. Why not take advantage of the generous markdown now and you are more sure of getting the style, color and size you want.

LADIES' GIFT HOSIERY

The season's many favored styles in Hosiery present delightful possibilities for useful giving. We have "Gotham Gold Stripe" silk that wear, in several colors. Hosiery of silk, wool, silk and wool, "As you like it," silk hose, all in a handsome Christmas folder. A good gift to send away. Good Hosiery for \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Give the Children Useful Presents

Most children appreciate the gift of something to wear as they do playthings. Here is an unusually large stock for children. Teddy Bear Suits, Caps, Bonnets, Mittens, Gloves, Sweaters, Blankets, Leggings and Coats.

FANCY TOWELS AND SCARFS

They are useful presents that are always welcomed and appreciated and here is a large assortment of both. Fancy Bath Towels in colors of blue, pink, lavender and gold, many beautiful designs.

Prices 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 each

BEAUTIFUL BATH MATS in very attractive patterns, \$1.39, \$1.95, \$2.95.

BUREAU AND TABLE SCARFS, unusually large number of patterns, of all lace, lace trimmed and plain with colored border.

Prices 59c, 75c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50

Stenciled Asbestos Mats, a very useful article, very useful and inexpensive.

MAKE YOUR GIFTS OF JEWELRY

You will find a good selection of the popular price jewelry such as Lingerie Clasp, Collar Pins, Beauty Pins, Bracelets, Rings, Wrist Watch Bracelets, Bar Pins, and Ear Rings.

Jewelry for 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50

The Variety Basement

is full of gift things. The hustle of gift buying is here. If you have not visited the basement you will be surprised to find so many very good articles for Gifts.

For the children you will find a large display of Dolls, Games, Mechanical Toys, Picture Books, Tea Sets, Teddy Cars, Pool Tables and hundreds of other things.

For Ladies, Fancy China, Light-Cut Glass, Aluminum Ware, Pyrex Oven Glass, Writing Paper and all kinds of cooking utensils.

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As Many a Bethel Reader Knows Too Well.

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This is a big new feature in The Oxford County Citizen. Send in your questions, and address them to U. S. Press Association, Continental Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Enclose two cents in stamps for reply. Do not include medical, legal, courtship and marital questions, or expect attention to matters requiring extensive research. Mention this paper when you write.

Q. How many men in the United States are workers?

The 1920 census gave 33,064,737 men as "gainfully employed."

Q. Where is the center of population of the United States? Has it changed materially in recent years?

The center of population in 1920 was 1.9 miles west of Whitehall, Clay Township, Owen County, Indiana. It moved westward 0.8 miles from the preceding census period of 1910. In the year 1890 the center of population was 8 miles from Cincinnati, Ohio. It left the Ohio boundary before 1890 and proceeded on its westward march across to Indiana. The chances are that it will be

over the line into Illinois within the next 25 years. The center of population hovered in the vicinity of Baltimore and Washington from 1790 to 1810. One hundred years ago it was situated near Moorefield, West Virginia, (then Virginia). In 1860, and at the outbreak of the Civil War, Chillicothe, Ohio, was the nearest point of importance to the center of population. The center of rural population at the present time is 8.5 miles southeast of Mount Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois. The center of manufactures, based upon the value of products in 1920 was less than one mile north of Rushsylvania, Logan County, Ohio.

Q. Who first climbed to the top of Mount McKinley?

Credit is given to Dr. Hudson Stuck who reached the summit June 7, 1923. Dr. Frederick A. Cook laid claim to the achievement but failed to sustain his claim.

Q. What speed is attained by projectiles?

Improved instruments for measuring the velocity of projectiles have been perfected. They show that a projectile leaving the muzzle with a velocity of 1,474 feet a second increases its speed to about 1,650 feet a second with the first six feet, which it maintains for about 25 yards, after which the velocity becomes reduced to the speed it on leaving the muzzle. This is ascribed to the impulse of the expanding gas being felt at some distance beyond the gun's mouth.

Q. How many telegrams are sent annually in the United States?

The telephone companies estimate the number at 142,000,000.

Q. What is the extent to which tax-exempt securities have been issued in the United States?

It is estimated by the National Industrial Conference Board that there are \$54,000,000,000 of these securities, approximately 20 per cent of the Nation's wealth.

Q. Where is the rainiest spot on earth?

The Waipio Valley in Hawaii. The precipitation averages one inch a day.

Q. Is it true that most patented inventions are not marketed or manufactured?

Only about one percent of the articles patented are ever utilized.

Q. Where do Paisley shawls come from?

Paisley is a geographical division of Persia, noted for fine textured fabrics.

Q. When were the cables to Europe and the Philippine Islands laid?

The Atlantic cable was laid in 1866. The cable connecting the Philippine

Islands was completed July 4, 1903, and on that day a message was sent around the world in 12 minutes.

Q. Does the United States lead the world in the number of motor vehicles?

Seventy per cent of the world's automobiles are in this country.

Q. How many verses, chapters, and books in the Bible?

31,173 verses; 1,189 chapters; 66 books.

Q. What is meant by the expression "Red Letter Day"?

"Red Letter Day" comes from the custom started years ago in printing prayer books to put in red ink all the church festival days of the year. It has come to mean any memorable or significant day and is used in this and other countries.

Q. Who wrote "tell me thy company, and I will tell thee what thou art?"

It is from Cervantes' "Don Quixote."

Q. When butter is worth 50 cents a pound, what will a ton of coal come to?

Asks.

Q. How far is it from New York to San Francisco through the Panama Canal?

6059 miles.

Q. What is the highest mountain in North America?

McKinley, at the headwaters of the Seward and Kuskokwim rivers, Alaska. Its height is 20,464 feet.

Q. Is the following from Capper's Weekly a correct definition? "A blush is a temporary erythema and coloration of the face, caused by the perceptiveness of the sensorium when in a predicament of unequilibrium from a sense of shame, anger, or other cause, ventuating a paresis of the vasomotor filaments of the facial capillaries, whereby, being divested of their elasticity, they are suffused with a radiance emanating from an intimidated precordia."

It sounds reasonable.

Q. What progress has Canada made with its fur industry?

Statistical reports show that there is an investment in Canada in this industry of nearly \$3,000,000, yielding an annual income to the fur farmer aggregating \$1,500,000. There are 277 fox farms, with a total of 24,163 foxes, of which more than 22,000 are of the silver variety. There are also karakul, sheep, skunk, marten, raccoon, fisher, beaver, and muskrat farms.

Q. What are the seven wonders of the world?

They are the Pyramids of Egypt; the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; the Tomb of Mausolos; the Temple of Diana, at

Ephesus; the Colossus of Rhodes; the Statue of Zeus, by Phidias; the Pharos of Egypt; or the Palace of Cyrus cemented with gold.

Q. What is to prevent the tip of the Washington Monument, as shown in the pictures, from gradually being worn away by the elements?

It has an aluminum cap.

Q. What "longevity" have our eyes?

They are said to last about six months.

Q. Have all Presidents had their pictures on postage stamps?

Fifteen Presidents' portraits have appeared on United States postage stamps. They are as follows: Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Tyler, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt and Harding. Martha Washington's portrait also appears on postage stamps.

Q. Where is the Roosevelt Boulevard?

In Pennsylvania. It is wonderful highway running north from Philadelphia.

Q. Have the slides in the Panama Canal interfered with navigation, or with the utility of the waterway?

There seems to be a good deal of popular mystery about these "slides." The Canal pierces great hills in places. In wet weather these hills give way, loose dirt just as the slides of a deep railway cut let their sands down upon the tracks. In the cases of the railways and at Panama the only thing to be done is to shovel out the dirt. After awhile the hills will find their equilibrium and quit interfering with the traffic.

Q. What are the tonsils for?

Evidently for the "latest operation." They are two glands on each side of the palate between its pillars. They consist of a number of deep mucous follicles, and evidently are the gateways to the "inner city."

Q. How can white spots be removed from furniture?

Dip a cloth in water that has nearly reached the boiling point. Apply it to the spot and remove quickly. Then rub the white spot with a dry cloth. If not successful remember the old motto, and "try, try again." Alcohol or camphor quickly applied may be used.

Q. Do you know of a cheap connection to stop the leak of an automobile radiator?

Use a fairly cheap egg, beaten well, and poured into the radiator while the water is hot and circulating.

Q. Is it good form to speak of a clam as a pail?

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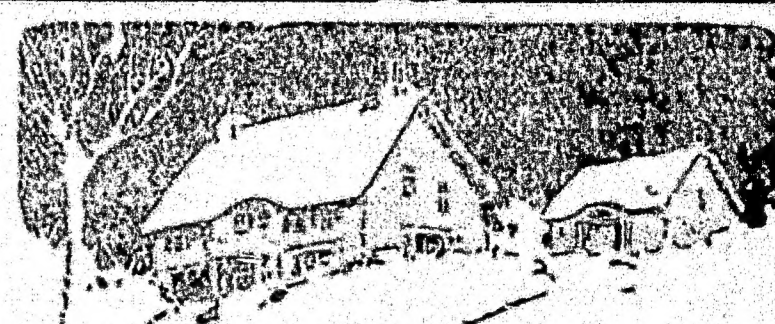
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Westleigh are being congratulated on the birth of a son born Dec. 13.

Miss Grace Farwell was in Locke's Mills and Bryant's Pond one day recently.

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ANDOVER

Mr. John Edward Akers, son of the late John and Nancy (Pope) Akers, passed away Tuesday morning, Dec. 11, at his home on Main Street after an illness of twelve days. His death was due to blood poisoning in his foot. Mr. Akers was 77 years of age and was a life-long resident of Andover. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, Clarence E. of Chelsea, Mass., Nathan E. of Portland, Ellen and Annie Akers of this town. Two sisters, Mrs. Fred Smith of Andover, Mrs. Horace Hanson of Augusta, and a brother, Binsley Akers of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Akers was engaged in farming and had lived over fifty years on the farm from which he died. His wife passed away a year and a half ago. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church, Thursday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. C. W. Robinson. The bearers were E. M. Bailey, Henry L. Pope, William Chisholm and Sidney F. Abbott. Burial was made in the family lot at Woodlawn cemetery.

Christmas trees were enjoyed in every schoolroom Friday, the last day of school, and each were well laden with gifts for all. The teachers have gone to their homes where they will spend the two weeks vacation.

Miss Annie Akers has been ill with measles.

Rev. C. W. Robinson preached an excellent sermon at the Congregational church Sunday morning from the text, "The Charm of the Impossible." There was a good attendance.

Clarence Akers, who was called here by the illness and death of his father, J. Edward Akers, has returned to his home in Chelsea, Mass.

Miss Olive Akers, a popular teacher at Rumford, is at her home ill with scarlet fever.

Mr. Orlando Brann from Mexico was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Merton Pressey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Akers and two daughters, Marjorie and Louise, from Portland attended the funeral of their father, J. Edward Akers, Thursday.

George Thomas, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mr. Herman Hanson and Berton Hanson from Rumford attended the funeral of Edward Akers last Thursday.

Ray Thurston has purchased some timberland of Mrs. Martha Bartlett at North Andover.

Mrs. John Cole, who has spent the past few months at her summer home in town, has returned to Lynn, Mass., for the winter.

Miss Thelma Caswell has tendered her resignation as teacher in the primary school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball and children from Rumford Center visited her people, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Learned, Sunday.

Deferred

Mr. John L. Bailey, Master of Lodge Mt. Grange, Mrs. Bailey and daughter, Sadie, are attending the State Grange at Lewiston this week.

Rev. C. W. Robinson, who has been spending a few days with his family at Stonington, Maine, will preach at the Congregational Church, Sunday morning, December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Akers and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bar-

ously ill of pleurisy, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roger Thurston. Mr. N. S. Stowell of Dixfield was in town, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Parsons and son, Raymond, were guests, Sunday, of Mr. and Mrs. Lagler Akers.

Roger Thurston had the misfortune to stick a birch hook into his wrist, while leading birch at the spool mill, Friday, making a painful wound.

On account of the bad traveling the King's Daughters' sale was postponed Friday.

Irving Marec is driving the stage out for Edmund Dorian.

Mrs. Dorothy Elliot has her new house on Pine street completed.

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The Universalists of Maine are to be congratulated on their good fortune in securing the Rev. Stanley Manning, national executive of the Young People's Christian Union, to take charge of denominational work in this State.

Mr. Manning is a native of New York City, but spent his youth in Chicago. He is a graduate of Lombard College and Ryder Divinity School, later attending the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and doing post-graduate work in the University of Minnesota.

The early years of his ministry were spent in the lower south, where he had notable success as a missionary and church builder. For eight years he was pastor of the Tuttle Universalist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during which time the Sunday School doubled in size, the church increased over fifty per cent, and a large parish house and Sunday School building were erected. In social work Mr. Manning was active in the Associated Charities, serving as Chairman of the Board of Friendly Visitors, and as a member of the Relief and Service Committee, and was one of the organizers of the Minneapolis Council of Social Agencies. During six years of his pastorate in Minneapolis Mr. Manning also served as Secretary of the Minnesota Universalist Convention and as State Superintendent of Churches.

In 1910 he was called to his present position as Director of Young People's Work for the entire denomination, with headquarters in Boston. In the four years since, the membership of the Y. P. C. U. has increased over 30 per cent, and the efficiency of the organization to a still larger degree. Much of this efficiency is due to the summer institutes, which Mr. Manning has so actively promoted, the largest of which is held each year at Ferry Beach Park, Old Orchard, others being held at Murray Grove, N. J., Chicago, Ill., and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Manning will assume the duties of his new office February 1st.

SKILLINGTON

The mill has been closed down since Friday.

Mr. Jesse Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were in Rumford, Monday, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Eames in the evening.

Mrs. Grace Foley arrived in Stillwater, Minn., Wednesday, Dec. 12th.

Ardie Young has gone in the woods to work for Mr. Chapin.

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NOTICE—For two weeks. Back to 10 paid late at 10 cents; 25 paid late at 15 cents. Paid calls wanted. W. C. BYRANT, Bethel, Me. 12-20

PIANO TUNING—H. L. White will be in Bethel about Jan. 15th. Leave orders with P. J. Tyler, phone 582, or write me at 8 Sheridan Ave., Auburn, Maine. 12-20-23

NOTICE—These clothing chickens for Christmas please have orders not later than Saturday, Dec. 22. W. C. BYRANT, Bethel, Me. 12-20

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

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the business that belongs to it under the theory put into operation by the British and other Europeans. "Patriotic sympathy" should assert itself in blocking the shipping business from domination of foreign countries who are using "our ocean commerce as the price and foothold of competition."

TRADITIONS AND COURTESY OF THE SENATE

Senatorial courtesy and the traditions of the Senate have been having a hard read for a number of years. Under the old "traditions" a Senator who made a speech during his first session was apt to be regarded as something of a bounder. Nowadays he is looked upon as a "dead end" if he suppresses his individuality, and does not make a speech early in his Senatorial career. Most of the new Senators recently sworn in have participated in the routine affairs of the Senate. None of them feel called upon to take "back seats." The Senate retains the tradition, however, to the tradition that recognizes "seniority" in service.

When Senator LaFollette went to Washington he was placed at the foot of the Republican membership on such important committees as he was named to serve upon. The settlement of other Senators and his length of service eventually brought him to second place on the Interstate Commerce Committee. He was in line for Chairman, a position the majority of Republicans do not wish him to have. Tradition gave Senator Coughlin the right to the place of President pro tem of the Senate—in which place he fulfills the duties ordinarily falling to the Vice President of the United States. By tradition he also holds the Chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee. As he is not in robust health he would naturally relinquish one of these places under ordinary conditions. But "tradition," and nothing else, made it possible for him to claim both places.

"Tradition" is a comfortable protection at times, but there are instances like this when the Senate would likely prefer returning to the custom existing at the time the Government was founded, when committees were only appointed for special duties and were not self-perpetuating.

AN ECHO OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP
Every now and then some ambitious political group in a community starts after votes and power by attempting to take over the local public utilities. This device was national at one time, but the United States took the care by

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trying the dose self-administered during the war period. General Harvey H. Harnish, Chairman of the Tennessee Railroad and Public Utility Commission, told an assemblage of his fellow commissioners recently that "the ownership and operation of utilities are not fundamental or necessary functions of a democratic form of government," and he added that "this same principle applies to municipalities." General Harnish's observation that "our Government, both State and Federal, is primarily formed for the purposes of governing its subjects, prescribing, defining, and sometimes restricting their social and political rights," is a doctrine generally accepted as sound, except in such localities where the lessons of socialistic public ownership have not been learned. Of course in Washington, there are men in Congress who would like to see "government ownership" applied to the limit. But their minority is so great that no apprehension need be felt about what is going to happen.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923.

A bill providing for the abolition of the death penalty and the substitution of a sentence of life imprisonment for murder in the first degree and with 30 years' imprisonment for second degree murder was filed with the clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives by Representative Joseph A. Langone of Boston.

South Berkshire, Mass., towns are aroused over depredations of wildcats which are killing off poultry. Several of the cats already have been killed. The cats are especially ferocious up in the crags of Beartown mountain. The county commissioners have allowed the bounty claims of \$2 each for cats killed.

About 1200 deer were killed in Massachusetts during the open season. Last year 1231 were shot, and in 1912, the record year, 1237 were slain. Absence of snow is one reason attributed to the small kill for this year, the hunters having been unable to track their quarry. This year was distinctive in that there were no human fatalities reported.

Insurance Commissioner Wilburn D. Spencer of Maine in a statement recommends that for the year 1924 each fire department in the state select one of its members as a special investigator of the causes of all fires occurring within its precinct for that year. This is an innovation in the preliminary fire investigation service of the state.

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In City Hall, Portland, on Sunday Afternoon, December 23, when an Audience of 4,000 is Assured. Chorus will number 600, and Mr. Lemare, the Great Organ Virtuoso, will play the Accompaniments.

There was a rehearsal of The Messiah in City Hall auditorium at Portland, Monday evening at eight o'clock, when William B. Chapman, director of the Maine Music Festival, and Edwin H. Lemare, municipal organist, were present. Mr. Chapman conducted the rehearsal. Mr. Lemare presided at the organ. This was the first rehearsal at City Hall auditorium and it will be followed by a final rehearsal in City Hall next Saturday evening.

The public presentation of Handel's oratorio under the auspices of the music commission will take place next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. With the large chorus from the several leading organizations, the fine soloists, under the direction of Mr. Chapman, and with the organ played by Mr. Lemare, a noteworthy performance may be expected.

The oratorio of The Messiah offers a particularly large group of famous solos. The very first two vocal numbers, the recitative Comfort Ye and the air, Every Valley, are famous solos for the tenor, while the third, Break Them is another tear de force. The cantata has the bright air, O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings, and the expressive He Was Despised. For the soprano there are the brilliant solo, Rejoice Greatly, and the wonderful air I Know That My Redeemer Liveth. The bass has the vigorous Why Do the Nations So Proudly Ring and the Trumpet Shall Sound, which is a duel between singer and instrument.

The choruses, too, though less apt to be given as solo numbers, are of the most glorious sort. Best among them are All We Like Sheep, the powerful Unto Us a Son is Born, the tremendously loud Hallelujah chorus, and the scale of the magnificent work.

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SONGO POND

Mrs. Abner Kimball, who has spent the past few weeks in Berlin, N. H., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, has returned home.

Miss Ina Good has gone to So. Paris to visit her uncle, Mr. Bert Pike, for a few days.

Albert, Floyd and Leonard Kimball and Roy Good were in Berlin, N. H., one day last week.

Ben Inman, Charles Kimball and Arthur Cheatham are working for E. J. McPherson, cutting short stuff for George Haggood.

Mr. Abner Kimball, who has been in the hospital at Berlin, N. H., for the past few weeks, returned home, but ordered and is now under Dr. Twiss's care.

L. N. Kimball was in Berlin, N. H., last Tuesday to see Dr. Twiss.

Edwin Lapham has had a telephone installed in his new house.

Fred Gorman was butchering for L. N. Kimball, Tuesday.

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